



What are monoclonal antibodies?

A monoclonal antibody is a laboratory-made protein that mimics your body's immune system's ability to fight off harmful viruses and bacteria that can cause disease. It is a treatment that can help you recover faster from COVID-19.

Who can receive monoclonal antibody treatment?

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible to receive a monoclonal antibody infusion or injection:

- Your COVID-19 test comes back positive
- You are not hospitalized
- You have had mild to moderate symptoms that started **less than 7 days ago**
- You are at high risk of progressing to severe illness

How are monoclonal antibody treatments given?

Treatment can be given as an infusion through an IV or as an injection. You should check with your health care provider to see which option is available at their facility. Each treatment will take about one hour and will have to wait for observation for one hour once treatment is complete.

Why would I consider receiving a monoclonal antibody infusion or injection?

This treatment may minimize the potential for higher risk patients to progress to severe disease and/or hospitalization.

Is there a cost to receive this treatment?

There may be a cost to the patient for the monoclonal antibody product. You are encouraged to talk to your health care provider about possible costs in advance of receiving treatment. If you receive a bill from your provider for this treatment, and you have questions, you should consult with their billing office.

Do I need a referral from my health care provider before I can get this treatment?

You should talk to your health care provider about this option and if you meet the criteria. If you do not have a primary care provider you can find a monoclonal antibody treatment provider online at <https://covid19.tn.gov/monoclonal-antibodies-infusion-therapy/>.